

A Scarce Topic: Jewish Holidays

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Every year around the Christmas Holidays dozens of nations issue hundreds of stamps on the Christmas theme—and Associate Editor Dave Kent does a magnificent job of searching for, and presenting, many of those issues.

The U.S. Postal Service joins in that celebration. The Postal People should be praised for also issuing stamps for other holidays, specifically Eids, Kwanzaa—and Hanukkah. This year the Hanukkah stamp was a joint issue with Israel, that nation's issue being shown here.

If you want to collect the Jewish Holidays, that is possible, and the American Topical Association and its checklist service for members would be the place to turn, at <http://americantopicalassn.org/checklists.shtml>.

The obvious source for Jewish Holidays issues is, of course, Israel itself, and the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation, at <https://www.igpc.com>, and search Israel under the country option.

I went there myself and found two recent issues—in addition to the Joint Issue above.

Most recently, on March 5, Israel issued this sheetlet for Purim, which is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all the Jews.

Coming back to the Hanukkah theme, last November 18 Israel issued this “My Own Stamp” Hanukkah sheetlet. Another recent issue was a similar “My Own Stamp” Passover sheetlet.

For additional issues, please go to <https://www.igpc.com>.

